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SUBJ: CSU BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES REFUSED ENTRY TO EAST BERLIN
AND SOVIET MILITARY PATROLS RETURN TO THE REICHSTAG

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SUMMARY: ON JANUARY 16-17, COMMUNIST OPPOSITION TO
MEETINGS OF FEDERAL GERMAN PARTIES IN BERLIN RECEIVED
INTENSIVE PUBLIC NOTICE AS: 1) TWO CSU DEPUTIES
WERE REFUSED ENTRY TO EAST BERLIN, 2) SOVIET FIRST SECRETARY
TYUTYUNOV PROTESTED CDU/CSU FRAKTION MEETING TO CHAIRMAN
PROTOCOL OFFICER, 3) EAST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY ADN TERMED
FRAKTION MEETING GROSS VIOLATION OF QA, AND 4) SOVIET
PATROLS AND SOVIET SOLDIERS TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS LOITERED
ABOUT REICHSTAG MEETING. THIS ACTIVITY HAS ALREADY BEEN SUBJECT TO
EXCHANGE OF ACCUSATIONS OF TREATY VIOLATIONS BY EASTERN
AND WESTERN SIDES AND WILL BE SUBJECT OF FULL SCALE
DEBATE IN BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. END SUMMARY.
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1. CSU BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES LORENZ NIEGEL AND MICHAEL
GLOS, IN BERLIN TO TAKE PART IN THE MEETING OF THE
CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG CAUCUS MEETING IN THE REICHSTAG,
WERE DENIED ENTRY TO EAST BERLIN ON TWO SEPARATE
OCCASIONS JANUARY 16. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE THE
TWO ATTEMPTED TO CROSS THE EAST BERLIN AT PRINZEN-

STRASSE/HEINRICH HEINE STRASSE CROSSING POINT BY USING THEIR FRG DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS WHILE TRAVELLING IN THE CD-PLATED AUTOMOBILE OF THE FRG'S PERMANENT MISSION TO THE GDR. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS THE TWO CSU DEPUTIES WERE DENIED ENTRY AFTER A 45-MINUTE DELAY, ALTHOUGH THE MEMBER OF THE FRG PERMANENT MISSION WAS TOLD HE COULD ENTER EAST BERLIN. A SHORT TIME LATER NIEGEL AND GLOS RODE THE S-BAHN TO BAHNHOF FRIEDRICHSTRASSE, AND ATTEMPTED TO ENTER EAST BERLIN THERE WITH THEIR REGULAR TOURIST PASSPORTS. AGAIN, FOLLOWING A 35-MINUTE DELAY, THEY WERE TURNED BACK WITH THE EXPLANATION THAT THEIR VISIT TO "THE CAPITAL OF THE GDR" WAS NOT DESIRED.

2. DENIAL OF ENTRY OF TWO CSU DEPUTIES RECEIVED PROMINENT PRESS PLAY JANUARY 17, AS DID GDR "EXPLANATION" TO FRG PERMREP GUENTER GAUS FOR ITS REFUSAL TO PERMIT CDU CHAIRMAN HELMUT KOHL TO ENTER EAST BERLIN ON JANUARY 15 (REFTEL). IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS ON THE 16TH KOHL DECLARED AS NONSENSE THE GDR'S EXPLANATION THAT HE HAD BEEN REFUSED ENTRY BECAUSE ON ANTI-DETENTE UTTERANCES HE ALLEGEDLY MADE IN A SPEECH IN FEBRUARY 1977. WITHOUT EVEN BOTHERING TO ARGUE THE NATURE OF HIS REMARKS KOHL POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD VISITED EAST BERLIN WITHOUT ANY DIFFICULTIES AS RECENTLY AS LAST SEPTEMBER.
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3. JANUARY 17 ADN COMMENTARY CHARGES THAT THE CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG CAUCUS MEETING CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN THE REICHSTAG IS GROSS VIOLATION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT BECAUSE THE TOPICS BEING DISCUSSED ARE NOT BERLIN-RELATED. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN RECENT MEMORY WE CAN RECALL THE EAST PUTTING FORTH THE "RELEVANCY" ARGUMENT AS PROMINENTLY AS THEY HAVE ON THIS ISSUE.

4. ON JANUARY 17 SOVIET FIRST SECRETARY TYUTYUNOV CALLED ON (CHAIRMAN) BRITISH PROTOCOL OFFICER TO LODGE SAME COMPLAINT AS ADN. ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY ORAL REPORT RECEIVED FROM BRITISH DEPUTY POLAD, TYUTYUNOV MAGNANIMOUSLY ALLOWED THAT THE SOVIETS DID NOT OBJECT TO SUCH MEETINGS FROM TIME TO TIME

(COMMENT: ANNEX II OF QA SPECIFICALLY PROVIDES FOR FRAKTION MEETINGS IN BERLIN), BUT THAT CURRENT CDU/CSU MEETING WAS DISCUSSING SUBJECTS IRRELEVANT TO BERLIN. WE WILL PASS ON FULL BRITISH REPORT WHEN RECEIVED.

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5. BERLIN CDU HAS CALLED FOR "AKTUELLE STUNDE"
IN BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MEETING JANUARY 19
TO DISCUSS ENTIRE COMPLEX OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO
VISITS ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN WEST AND EAST BERLIN.
SENAT CHANCELLERY EXPECTS CDU WILL ALSO USE THE OCCASION
TO ATTACK GDR CONTROL MEASURES AT BERLIN AUTOBAHN CHECK-
POINTS (TO BE REPORTED SEPTEL). SENAT CHANCELLERY
CHIEF HEIMANN TOLD ALLIED SENAT LIAISON OFFICERS
JAN. 17 THAT SPD AND FDP WOULD CERTAINLY JOIN IN
CONDEMNING GDR REFUSAL TO PERMIT KOHL AND CSU DEPUTIES
TO ENTER EAST BERLIN. GOVERNING MAYOR, WHO WOULD SPEAK
FOR BERLIN SPD, WILL AVOID, HOWEVER, CHARGING GDR WITH
VIOLATION OF ANY SPECIFIC AGREEMENT SINCE SENAT
RECOGNIZES IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO PROVE ACTUAL TREATY
VIOLATIONS.

6. SOVIET MILITARY PATROLS AGAIN TURNED UP AT
REICHSTAG JANUARY 17 TO PHOTOGRAPH PARTICIPANTS AT
FRAKTION MEETING. CDU/CSU DELEGATES WERE HIGHLY AMUSED
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TO EMERGE FROM MEETING TO FIND SOVIET PATROL CAR
FLANKED (BUT NOT BLOCKED) BY BRITISH MP CAR AND BERLIN
POLICE CARE. SOVIET SOLDIERS ARE PICTURED IN WEST BERLIN
PRESS JANUARY 18 SAUNTERING AROUND REICHSTAG, CAMERAS
IN HAND, PHOTOGRAPHING ALL AND SUNDRY. CDU BUNDESTAG
DEPUTY WOHLRABE ADDED YET ANOTHER NOTCH TO HIS
UNEQUALLED REPUTATION AS A PUBLICITY HOUND WHEN HE
MANAGED TO GET PHOTOGRAPHED TRYING HARD TO DRAW
SOVIET MILITARY PATROL DRIVER INTO CONVERSATION;
REPORTEDLY, WOHLRABE KNOWS ENOUGH RUSSIAN TO AT
LEAST MAKE THE EFFORT. WEST BERLIN POLICE DID EVENTUALLY
BAR PARKING AREA FOR CDU/CSU DELEGATES TO GENERAL
PUBLIC, INCLUDING RUSSIANS, WHO OBEYED THE NO-PARKING
SIGNS, BUT THAT DID NOT OF COURSE PREVENT SOVIET
SOLDIERS FROM WANDERING ABOUT ON FOOT. FINALLY,
ONE MINOR INCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN CDU DELEGATE MANAGED
TO BRUSH PATROL CAR WHILE PARKING; CDU DRIVER DECIDED
TO BERATE SOVIET DRIVER FOR REASONS UNKNOWN TO US.
SOVIET DRIVER PROTESTED TO BRITISH MP'S AT CHECKPOINT
CHARLIE ABOUT BEING LECTURED.

7. AT DEPUTY POLADS' MEETING JANUARY 17, POSSIBLE
EVENTUAL REACTION TO SOVIET PHOTOGRAPHIC CAMPAIGN WAS
AGAIN DISCUSSED BUT WITH ONLY TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS
WHICH WE WILL REPORT LATER. DEPUTY POLADS
AGREED THAT REACTION OF WEST BERLIN POPULACE, RANGING
THUS FAR FROM RIDICULE TO AMUSEMENT, SUGGESTED THAT
SOVIET PHOTOGRAPHY WAS NOT HAVING SIGNIFICANT
EFFECT OF INTIMIDATION. FOR THE RECORD, SOVIETS HAVE
NOT RESUMED PHOTOGRAPHY AT MARIENFELDE REFUGEE CENTER
SINCE U.S. PUT UP "NO PHOTOGRAPHY" SIGNS, IN RUSSIAN
AND OTHER LANGUAGES; AT MARIENFELDE WHERE RECENT
SOVIET EMIGRES AMONG OTHERS ARE RECEIVED; THERE
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INTIMIDATION ASPECT COULD HAVE BECOME SERIOUS. GEORGE

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